

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM MENNA AS
HE CELEBRATES HIS 80TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 7, 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and well-wishers who have gathered to extend my sincere congratulations to William Menna—known to friends as “Wild Bill”—as he celebrates his eightieth birthday. This is an important milestone for one of the most well-known and respected of our community leaders.

For “Wild Bill,” public service has not been just a job, but a way of life. Born and raised in Derby—Connecticut’s smallest city—Bill joined the United States Navy upon grad-

uating. Serving for four years during the World War II, he did tours in both the European and Pacific Theaters. After leaving the service, Bill returned to Connecticut and made a home with his wife, Mary, in Ansonia where they lived happily for almost fifty years before her passing.

For as long as Valley residents can remember, Bill has been involved in both local and state politics. A State Representative, Mayor, and vocal community advocate—Bill’s commitment and dedication to his community is unquestioned. He has long been known as one to fight for and give voice to those most in need. In addition to his political life, Bill has also volunteered countless hours to a variety of local service organizations. Currently he serves as a Board member for the Birmingham Group, United Way, Boy Scouts of America, and UNICO. He is a past president of the Rotary Club and has long been a volunteer for the St. Michael’s Carnival, St. Mary’s

Food Festival and Holy Rosary’s Food Fiesta. Bill’s generosity is seemingly unending and the communities of Derby and Ansonia have truly been blessed to be the beneficiaries of his time, energy, and compassion.

When we speak of the ideal public servant, of what it means to give back to your community, we talk of those who willingly devote their energies to enrich the lives of others. Bill Menna—with his enduring dedication and many years of unparalleled service—is a reflection of the very spirit of public service. His hard work has made a real difference and for that we owe him a debt of gratitude.

Bill has left an indelible mark on this community—he is a true living treasure. I am proud to join all of those gathered today to extend my heart-felt congratulations to William Menna on this his 80th birthday. Happy Birthday! My very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 9

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine lessons learned during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and to receive testimony on ongoing operations in the United States Central Command region; followed by a closed session in SH-219.

SH-216

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James O. Browning, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Kathleen Cardone, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, James I. Cohn, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Frank Montalvo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Xavier Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Rene Acosta, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-226

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine S. Res. 173, to amend Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate with respect to new or general legislation and unauthorized appropriations in general appropriations bills and amendments thereto, and new or general legislation, unauthorized appropriations, new matter, or nongermane matter in conference reports on appropriations Acts, and unauthorized appropriations in amendments between the Houses relating to such Acts.

SR-301

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine technology and innovation in relation to health care costs.

SD-628

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Homeland Security Subcommittee

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

SD-124

11 a.m.

Appropriations

Interior Subcommittee

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

SD-138

JULY 10

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul Morgan Longworth, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, and Thomas W. O'Connell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

SR-222

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-G50

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for Small Business Administration programs.

SR-428A

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine "The Accuracy of Credit Report Information and the Fair Credit Reporting Act".

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the high price of natural gas, its effect on the economy and to consider potential solutions.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to consider proposed legislation regarding VA-provided benefits programs, including the following: S. 257, S. 517, S. 1131, S. 1133, S. 1188, S. 1213, S. 1239, S. 1281, S. 249, S. 938, S. 1132, S. 792, S. 806, S. 1136, S. 978, S. 1124, S. 1199, S. 1282.

SR-418

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3:30 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Children and Families Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for Community Services Block grant programs.

SD-430

JULY 15

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine castaway children, focusing on whether parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine bankruptcy and competition issues in relation to the WorldCom Case.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to receive a report by the National Commander of The American Legion, Ronald F. Conley, of his tenure.

SR-418

JULY 16

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act.

SR-485

Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the recent General Accounting Office report entitled: "An Overall Strategy and Indicators for Measuring Progress Are Needed to Better Achieve Restoration Goals", focusing on the ramifications of an uncoordinated Great Lakes restoration strategy, current management of various environmental programs, and possible next steps to improve the management of Great Lakes programs.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Suede G. Kelly, of New Mexico, to be a Member of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2004.

SD-366

JULY 17

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Governmental Affairs

To resume hearings to examine castaway children, focusing on whether parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children.

SD-342

JULY 22

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1314, to expedite procedures for hazardous fuels reduction activities on National Forest System lands established from the public domain and other public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, to improve the health of National Forest System lands established from the public domain and other public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats